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For: CLOSED-LOOP FOCAL POSITIONING  
SYSTEM AND METHOD



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This paper is being filed after issuance of a Notice of Allowance, and is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability dated January 8, 2004 for which the three-month date for response is April 8, 2004. The issue fee has not yet been paid.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Only claim 14 has been amended.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.